

As Bowling Season Advances, Winners in Many Leagues Begin to Appear

WINNERS ARE BEING SEEN

Times' Bowling Expert Dopes Out Possible Victors in the Alley Struggles Now Approaching Wind-ups—Atlantics Making Great Battle for Northeast Honors.

By KIRK C. MILLER.

With another week clipped off the schedules of the little army of ten-pin and duckpin rollers who have formed themselves into leagues in Washington, the task of prophesying the winners in the various circuits becomes just seven days easier. Within eight weeks, most of the circuits of the city will have let down the asbestos curtain, signifying the close of the season, and victors will have been declared for the 1913-14 season. In anticipation of the ending of the season and with a view of forecasting the developments of the coming two-months, down the alleys, a little unadulterated "dope" as to the probable winners in the various circuits may be relished at this time.

Out at the Northeast alleys, where the league which operates under that name is starting one of the fastest races of the season, the Atlantics seem at this time to have made considerable of an impression on the scene in the circuit. This is due to the fact that the Atlantics, captained by Charlie Salib, have won a record on the maple-wood floor during the five years of their existence. The Atlantics, that it is hard to imagine any other outfit doing it in the Northeast League. This statement is not meant to detract from the acknowledged ability of the Waverly Athletic Club, which quit the Waverly outfit can, at best, be termed a runner-up in the competition. In casting the spotlight over the Northeast League, it will not do to overlook the Washington Abolitionists, who have come up in the standings since the race has narrowed down to two or three teams. The least bit of misfortune on the part of the Waverly or the Atlantics would precipitate the Abolitionists into the running, and once they get up, they will be found to be dangerous contestants. In the Southern Railway Clerks' Duckpin League, the Law team has stretched away to the front in a manner which stamps it as having things rather its own way in that circuit. Although its greatest strength is in the management of the team, there is only a slight chance that it will be followed by the latter part of the season. Then there is the Traffic Squad, which is to be seriously taken into consideration in the Clerks' circuit. Traffic are just a few teams behind the Atlantics and the Waverly Athletic Club. The Department, which is trailing the Traffic bunch by but one game. If Law continues the present pace, it will be the highest, it should have little difficulty showing the way out of the season to the other five teams, but if it lets its foot slip for an instant, Managers must easily assert their strength and prove of championship caliber.

Over at the Young Men's Christian Association alleys, the league which is

BINGLES AND BUNTS

By GRANTLAND RICE.

The genial Feds may have offered Joe Jackson more money than they offered Cobb, but in the compilation of yearly batting averages Joseph doesn't have to hire more than two experts to tell him just where he belongs—a very fine second.

It was nothing of rousing fate that Jackson should be clotting in an epoch that know and knows Cobb at his best. But for this one stymie the Carolina artilleryman would have led his league each year. In 1911 Jackson jumped forward and attained the classic altitude of .468—a remarkable average. Ordinarily this figure would have put him good by 30 points. But it only got him a good second, as Cobb that season finished upon batting .420.

The next year the Jackson battled .400—another wonderful year. But it wasn't good enough for Cobb, who hit .420. Last season Jackson ranged above .350. But Cobb passed on above .390 and led in a canter.

In the last three years Jackson has averaged over .350, yet in the three years Cobb has led him by a combined total of 45 percentage points. Jackson is a wonderful hitter, but in the wear and tear of a season's campaign he isn't equal to Cobb. In which assignment he is not entirely alone.

Meeting the Test.
All players like Cobb are puffers. Traversers of which number there are about one and one-quarter to each division are the final words in genius. They carry that rare faculty of being able to travel just fast enough to win. When Jackson batted .408, Cobb went up to .420. But when Jackson only batted .370, Cobb stopped at .391. His speed was varied each season and all he used was merely enough to finish in front.

The same is true of Traversers. We have seen Traverser in a match, where the latter followed out .52, finish with an .80. A day later when his opponent got a .70, Traverser was there with a .74. He has been able to cut his game to suit the occasion, thereby eliminating all waste of energy. You may notice in one match, where Traverser will beat a comparatively unknown 2 and 2, and then next day beat Traverser or Herrick 2 and 1.

Control of Form.
A knack of this sort requires an almost perfect control of one's system. Matthews exemplifies this in the long. He will win one day by the count of 8 to 6, allowing fourteen hits. The next start may find him winning 2 to 1, allowing five hits. When he has an easy game he is content to work within an easy limit. This enables him to hold enough reserve strength in hand to rise to the occasion when the hard work comes on. The man who wears himself out working at top speed all the time is a little left when the showdown comes at the finish, and he is forced to slouch upon his raw nerves and worn down condition for extra effort.

But only the genius can adapt himself to the situation. If the ordinary mortal, observing that he has an easy battle, starts to loaf, his game soon

known by that name has promoted a duckpin competition which seems to point directly toward a pennant for the Yakima team. This fast flying coterie of bowlers is now heading the circuit by a margin of but two games, but the final series of games, particularly those coming within the week, will be with weaker teams, and another Monday should find the present lead of two games increased twofold. Mohicans, however, are trailing closely behind Yakima, and it is by no means too late for them to slide up into the leadership, should the latter allow itself to be caught napping for even so much as one game. Mohawks, after a close observation, look to have third place to contend with the Delawares on those teams are now tied for that position in the standings, and a heated argument about the alleys is all that will decide which is most worthy to stay in third place.

Of Washington's two tenpin organizations, the attraction presented by the Departmental League now looks to be the easiest to forecast. Agriculture has not so much distance between itself and the Commissioners that the largest of odds only could tempt the most conservative to wager any way but in favor of the Farmers. This condition is made so by the fact the Aggies have kept up a consistent fire on the tenpins and their regular high score since they began up in the season have indicated their superiority all along. Commissioners should have no trouble following closely at Agriculture's heels and following the Commissioners the Bureau and Land teams are doomed to engage in an attractive race for third place. The teams are about on even terms now, and will be forced to fight it out for third, provided Interior does not experience a sudden spurt, and leave them both in its trail. War is hanging on in sportsmanlike form, and has much credit due for its excellent display of tenacity.

At this writing it is most difficult not to speak too highly of the work of the Treasury and Bureau teams in the Departmental Duckpin League. These two quintets have staged as attractive a competition as any that has been seen in Washington this season. The Treasury team, which is now for the leadership only emphasizes this fact. Each has a record of twenty-two wins and twenty-two losses, but the warmest kind of competition is going to unlock the difficulty into which they have entered.

As far as being evenly matched is concerned, no two teams of such even ability can be pointed out in the city. Consistency has been the very watchword of every member of both teams. Navy Yard is following up at an intimate distance, and would like to step into the breach at the last moment. The Navy Yard team, however, is not likely to be granted the latter, but should it come, look out for the Navy Yard team. The Navy Yard team's war boats. Jensen is not out of the running, but together with the Navy Yard team, it looks like it is liable to finish just outside the money.

(Note—Next Monday the possibilities of five other bowling leagues will be discussed in these columns.)



CATHEDRAL HOPING FOR GOOD SEASON

Fast Youngsters Enter to Assist Several Veterans From 1913 Nine.

By BRYAN MORSE.

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In the outfield, "Chet" Lockwood, last year's captain, almost sure to be found. A. J. Miller and Jack Dundy will be out for positions when the call comes. There are several others who are expected to have a berth and a chance to win the "C" this season.

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Drastic Changes in Tiger Football Policy

PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 9.—Sweeping changes are to be made in Princeton's football policy under the new football advisory committee headed by Snake Ames. One coach will be utilized and he will work directly under the committee's direction. An open style of play will be inaugurated to the exclusion of all else and the forward pass will be worked to the limit of its possibilities. Secret practice will be eliminated except possibly for a day or two before big games. Real football work will start in a few weeks, not the usual perfunctory spring drill in fundamentals, but actual scrimmages. Players in all games will wear numbers, a move advocated by all who saw the experiment tried last fall.

Turner to Wrest Ole Olsen in Richmond

Joe Turner, Washington's crack wrestler, meets Young Olsen in Richmond Thursday night. The match will take place in the City Auditorium.

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Reach No Decision For Army-Navy Game

Though negotiations have been in progress for some time, no decision has yet been reached as to the location of the 1914 Army-Navy football contest. It is as good as settled, though, that it will not go to the Polo Grounds, New York. The West Pointers are seeking to have the contest played in Yale's new stadium at New Haven Conn., but the long distance between Annapolis and New Haven is expected to bring a veto to this project.

Hot Springs Now Plans To Hold Racing Meet

HOT SPRING, Ark., Feb. 9.—It was announced today that twenty-one-day race meeting would be inaugurated on the Oaklawn track March 17. A fortnight ago Louis Cella of St. Louis, who was the property secured to turn it over to a committee of local citizens for a spring and fall meeting, providing \$20,000 would be deposited to his credit.

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Bowling Schedule for Tonight

District—Goodfellow vs. Garrison. Mercantile—District Bank vs. Young Men's Shops. Colonial—Virginians vs. Manhattan. Mount Pleasant—Parks vs. Harvard. Westminster—Bliss vs. Greens; Reds vs. Whites. Washington Council—Balloos vs. La Salles; Champlains vs. De Sofo. Georgetown Commercial—M. Baers vs. Clarendon. Carroll—Genous vs. Pintas. Departmental Tenpin—Navy vs. Bureau. Terminal R. R. Y. M. C. A.—Shops vs. Station. Ingram—Climbers vs. Smilers. Navy Yard—Breach Mechanics vs. Secondary Mount. Northeast—Racer Club vs. Washington Abolitionists. Southern Railway Clerks—Traffic vs. Managers. Departmental Duckpin—Land vs. G. P. O. National Capital—Fat Men vs. Gist. Arcade—Bankers vs. Imperials. Commercial—Welsbachs vs. General Baking Co.

Loyola Varsity Nine Begins Spring Work

BALTIMORE, Feb. 9.—Candidates for the Loyola College baseball team will report in the college gymnasium today for the first practice of the season. Thereafter workouts will be held several afternoons each week until the weekly training sessions begin. For the present, most attention will be paid to the applicants for the battery positions on the squad. Several men from former teams are on hand for consideration, but in view of the hard schedule that the team will be called upon to fill, Manager German is anxious to develop several newcomers to help the regulars along. German and Dietsch, from last year's squad, will try for the pitching department, but as yet very little promise has been shown by any one to fill out the twirling staff with them. For the receiving station, the squad will be better fortified, with O'Connor, Quinn, Buchness, and Kall, all former high school players, to choose from. Regular batting and fielding practice for the whole squad will not begin for several weeks. With ten contests booked, Manager German promises to give the team one of the best schedules it has ever had. Mt. St. Mary's, Washington, Rock Hill, Gaillardet, Mt. St. Joseph's, Catholic University, and other State and nearby teams have secured dates.

McFarland Hastening To Settle Big Bout

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Packer McFarland is on his way to New York today to take over his scheduled fight with Mike Gibson and Billy Gibson, of the Garden A. C. Gibson was going to Chicago to try and straighten things out, but is now waiting for Packer's leave. The latter has promised to return to New York for the fight, which will be over the purse. McFarland wants a guarantee of \$10,000, which Gibson believes several thousand too much.

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